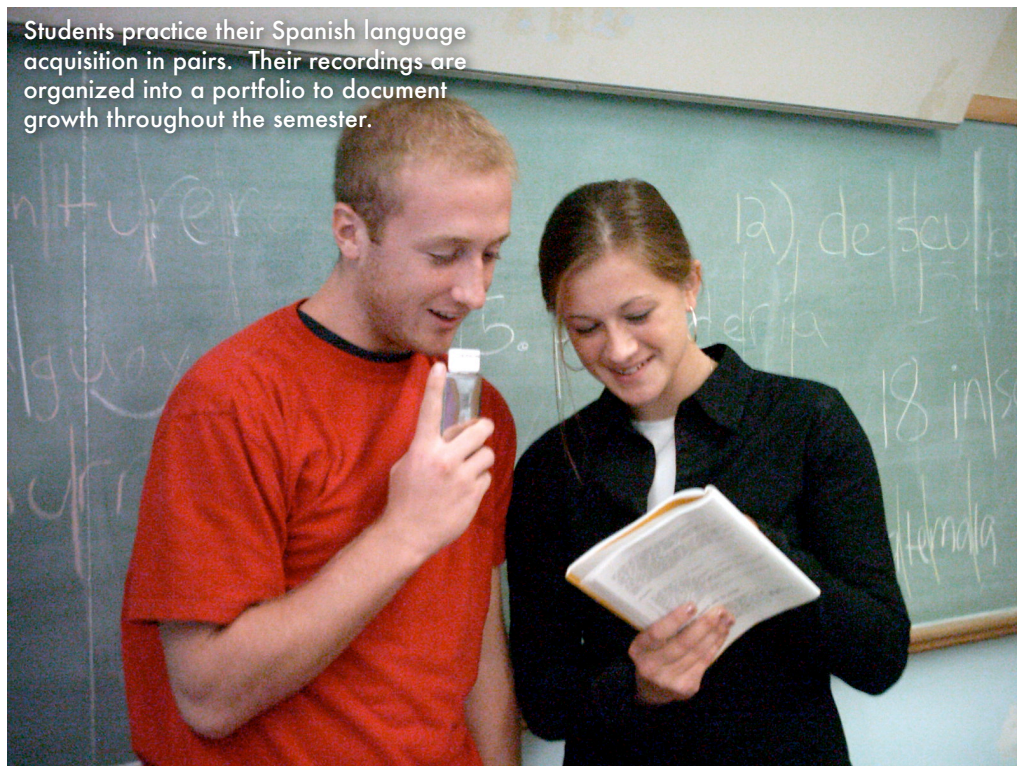


# iPods

A CATALYST  
FOR  
LEARNING

Students practice their Spanish language acquisition in pairs. Their recordings are organized into a portfolio to document growth throughout the semester.



**iPods are not just for music!** There are many ways to put them to work in the classroom, here are a few:

## The iPod as a portable learning device will change your classroom.

### IPOD & FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Students taking foreign languages regularly record oral exams using iPods at SPHS. Exams are in a variety of formats: students describe a picture, converse with a friend, or give directions to a location within the school. Recordings are then downloaded to a computer, organized into a playlist, and burned to CD. Students evaluate their own exam and the exams of their classmates according to a common rubric. They have rich conversations about verb conjugation, vocabulary choices, and sentence structure. Recording oral exams on iPods has improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the oral exam process.

### IPOD & MUSEUM TOURS

After studying an artist and recreating their work using a variety of media styles, students record a reflection that documents their process. Students work in GarageBand to add an intro to their recording and embed a digital photo of

their art work in the track. The class' files are uploaded to an iPod and the art work is hung up for display. When parents come for conferences, they listen to the audio tour as they walk through and view the student-created museum.

### IPOD & DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

Track language and reading development by recording students at the beginning, middle, and end of the year. Students love to hear themselves reading and will be amazed by the progress they've made throughout the year. Audio files are easy to share with parents at conferences or incorporate them as part of a digital portfolio.

### IPOD & AUDIO BOOKS

Students and parent volunteers can read books from the English curriculum into the iPod to create a library of books on iPod. Students are able to use an iPod to help them read the book assigned for class. All recordings are downloaded to one computer and organized into a playlist by chapter. The students can then access the chapters they need and follow along in the book while listening to the recording.

### IPOD & SCANNER

Using a scanner and Kurzweil software (<http://www.kurzweilededu.com/>), articles, textbooks, etc can be scanned onto a computer. The software then reads the text to the student through a set of headphones. An additional benefit of the software is that it will export the audio as an mp3 file that can then be moved onto an iPod.

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## Did you know?

### Your iPod does more than just play music

#### 1. Store your files

Use your iPod as an external hard drive. Drag and drop files, movies, and photos to store on the iPod and access them from home or school.

#### 2. Organization

Use your iPod as an alarm clock or keep track of your appointments by exporting your calendar files from Entourage, Palm Desktop or iCal.

#### 3. Notes

Use the note reader function of your iPod to read any text-based document on the screen. Read lecture notes, student essays, or the newspaper. Audio and text files can be linked for enhanced functionality.



## Podcasts

With iTunes and your iPod you can listen to your favorite radio shows on your schedule.

Think of a podcast as radio on demand; you subscribe to a channel and iTunes downloads new episodes as they are released and puts them on your iPod. More and more educational podcasts are being listed in the iTunes directory for use in the classroom. From National Geographic Video Shorts to the weekly show from the Center for Educational Development for English Language Learners studying to take the TOEFL to Colonial Williamsburg Podcasts where you will learn all about living in colonial days.

Want to publish your own podcast? Podcasting is a great way for you and your students to publish and share what's happening in the classroom. List your podcast on iTunes for anyone to subscribe and listen to. There are some great resources out there to get you started. Built-in to iLife 08, GarageBand allows you to record your podcast and send it out to the world with iWeb or iTunes. This great feature utilizes the familiar GarageBand tools and makes creating enhanced podcasts (that include video, pictures, or pdfs) as simple as drag-and-drop. Integrates seamlessly with iPhoto, iMovie, & iTunes.

## iPod Accessories

### BELKIN & XTREME VOICE RECORDER

Plug it into the bottom of your iPod and you've got an instant voice recorder. The iPod recognizes the recorder and prompts you to begin your recording. Your iPod will hold hours of recordings. These work with Video iPods- cheaper recorders are available for older iPods. (\$59.95-\$69.95)

### SPEAKERS

A set of speakers is important when using an iPod in the education setting. After students record exams or read poetry, it's nice to have a set of speakers to plug into so everyone in the room can hear the recording. (\$24.95-\$249.95)

## Resources

There are tons of great resources out there to get you started. From lesson plans to how-tos, look to the web for everything you'll need to put an iPod to work in your classroom.

APPLE EDUCATION:  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod>

EDUCATION PODCAST NETWORK:  
<http://epnweb.org/>

APPLE LEARNING INTERCHANGE:  
<http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali/>

## iTunes 7 Preferences

Did you know that you can set preferences to restrict shared music and explicit music? New as of iTunes 6 is the Podcast & Parental control panel. Choose when to download new podcasts and what your students access for content.



GARAGEBAND PODCAST SUPPORT:  
<http://www.apple.com/support/garageband/podcasts/recording/>

COULEE KIDS, LaCROSSE, WI:  
<http://www.sdlax.net/longfellow/sc/ck/index.htm>

PODCASTING IN EDUCATION:  
<http://www.apple.com/education/resources/podcastingvideos/>

PODCASTS FOR EDUCATORS:  
<http://recap.ltd.uk/podcasting/>

iPODS @ GCSU:  
<http://ipod.gcsu.edu/>

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